

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 11-13, 25-28 and 30-39 are pending in the present application. Claims 11-13 and 32-39 have been allowed. Claims 2-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 8, 25, 30 and 31 have been rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Kashima 6,069,528 in view of Hibbs, Jr. 4,032,853. Claims 26-28 have been rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Kashima and Hibbs, Jr., and further in view of French 5,510,753.

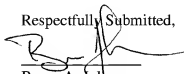
The present amendment is not an admission as to the validity of the prior art rejections, but is merely an attempt to rewrite allowable claims in independent form. No new issues are being raised.

Allowable claim 2 has been re-written as amended claim 25. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 25.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are patentable over the prior art. It is further more respectfully submitted that all other matters have been addressed and remedied and that the application is in form for allowance. Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Bruce A. Johnson, Applicants' Attorney at 512-301-9900 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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